Special Meeting of the Barre City Council Held September 14, 2016

A Special Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas Lauzon at 6:00 PM at Barre City Hall. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilor Paul Poirier; from Ward II, Councilor Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring. Also present were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

Absent: From Ward I, Councilor Jeffrey Tuper-Giles; and from Ward II, Councilor Michael Boutin.

Executive Session –

Councilor Herring made the motion to find that premature general public knowledge of the grievance issue to be heard would clearly place the City of Barre at a substantial disadvantage should the discussion be public. The motion was seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

Council went into executive session at 6:01 PM to conduct a grievance hearing under the provisions of 1 VSA sec. 313 on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

The following were invited into the executive session:

- City Manager Steve Mackenzie
- Chief Tim Bombardier
- Deputy Fire Chief Joe Aldsworth
- City Labor Attorney Scott Cameron
- City HR Director Rikk Taft
- Leah Berrault, firefighters union legal representative
- Brad Reed, president of the Professional Firefighters of Vermont
- Ryan DeCoursey, president of the Barre City firefighters union
- Eric Hannett, Barre City firefighter
- Capt. Gary Sheridan, Barre City firefighter

Mayor Lauzon closed the hearing at 9:55 PM. All invited people left and the Council moved into deliberations in executive session.

Council came out of executive session at 10:15 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

No action taken.

The Council meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

There is no audio recording of this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk